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SUBJECT: VEST DEMARCHE TO BELOVSKI

REF: A) USUN 2126, B) BELGRADE 4549

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST CALLED IN YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR  
BELOVSKI AT 5:30 P.M. ON JULY 7 TO PROTEST DEPUTY FOREIGN  
MINISTER MOJSOV'S COMPLAINT TO USUN SECURITY OFFICER  
(REF A) AND ASK FOR AN APOLOGY. VEST MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

--- MOJSOV'S REPRESENTATION IS UNACCEPTABLE.

--- THE GOY CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS: IT HAS BEEN  
ASKING FOR AND EXPECTING PROTECTIVE COVERAGE, BUT MOJSOV  
NOW COMPLAINS WHEN WE PROVIDE IT.

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--- WE OBJECT TO MOJSOV'S SUGGESTION OF USG CONNIVANCE IN THE TWA HIJACKING BY CROATIAN TERRORISTS AND HIS BROADER POINT THAT WE KNOW WHO THE TERRORISTS ARE. SUCH CHARGES ARE OUTRAGEOUS AND INSULTING.

--- US AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY TERRORISTS, AND THE US HAS SOUGHT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM WITH LITTLE RESULT.

--- THE LAST STRAW WAS MOJSOV'S CLAIM THAT HE WOULD NOT SIGN A PAPER WAIVING PROTECTIVE COVERAGE BECAUSE WE WOULD THEN "STAGE" AN ATTACK ON HIM. WE FIND THIS CHARGE PREPOSTEROUS.

--- BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABLE NATURE OF MOJSOV'S REMARKS, WE MUST ASK FOR A FORMAL APOLOGY.

2. IN MAKING HIS PRESENTATION, VEST ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS GOING ON THE BASIS OF ONLY ONE SIDE OF STORY BUT FELT DUTY-BOUND TO DRAW BELOVSKI'S ATTENTION TO MOJSOV'S REMARKS BECAUSE WE FIND THEM UNACCEPTABLE. VEST STRESSED THAT RECOGNIZING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NEW YORK, WE HAD GONE TO EXCEPTIONAL LENGTHS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION. HE ADDED THAT THE REPORT  
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OF MOJSOV'S REMARKS WOULD BE SEEN BY MANY PEOPLE WHO HAD DEVOTED GREAT EFFORT TO ENSURING MOJSOV'S SECURITY AND THEY WOULD FIND HIS REACTION PUZZLING. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON HE FELT OBLIGED TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OR AN APOLOGY FOR SUCH REMARKS COMING FROM SUCH AN IMPORTANT PERSONAGE.

3. BELOVSKI RESPONDED BY ACCEPTING FULL BLAME. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD FAILED TO REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD OFFERED SECURITY PROTECTION AND MOJSOV HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY IT. BELOVSKI ADDED THAT MOJSOV ALSO STRIVED TO CALM YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK WHO ARE FRIGHTENED AND IN SOME CASES CLOSE TO PANIC OVER THE SITUATION THERE AND MAY HAVE FELT THE EXTENSIVE PROTECTIVE COVERAGE UNDERMINED HIS EFFORT. BELOVSKI ASKED THAT WE NOT OPEN UP PROBLEMS BY SEEKING A FORMAL APOLOGY, BUT HE VAGUELY INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK A CLARIFICATION AND HOPED HIS OWN APOLOGY WOULD SUFFICE. BELOVSKI READILY AGREED TO VEST'S INSISTENCE ON THE NEED TO FULLY COORDINATE OUR PLANS FOR PROTECTING MOJSOV WHEN HE RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS MATTER IS BEST HANDLED  
SOLELY ON THIS SIDE AND DO NOT FEEL THE EMBASSY  
SHOULD RAISE IT IN BELGRADE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USUN  
THAT, ON LEAVING NEW YORK, MOJSOV PERSONALLY THANKED THE  
SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE COVERAGE. VANCE

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